AN ALLEGED COMBINE

Resolution Introduced by Senator Jones.

THE COAL SITUATION

BOTH HOUSES PROVIDE FOR AR-BITRATION COMMISSION.

Philippine Currency Bill Reported to the Senate by Mr. Lodge-Various Bills Passed.

There were twenty-seven senators in their seats when the Senate was called to order for the last sitting before the Christmas

bolldays. Mr. Allison of the Senate conferees on the coal strike arbitration bill presented the report of the conference committee. He explained that the Senate amendment fixing a definite sum for the expenss and compensation of the commissioners and employes and taking the question of fixing these out of the hands of the President had been retained, but that the Senate conferees had yielded to the House to the extent of allowing \$15 per day to the commissioners for expenses instead of \$10, as fixed by the Senate. The report was agreed to.

Mr. Lodge, from the committee on Philippines, reported the Philippine currency bill and gave notice that as the measure is important he would call it up during the morning hour of the Senate at the earliest moment. He expressed the opinion that the bill would not lead to prolonged debate. Bills were passed authorizing the South-

western Louisiana Rice Growers' Associafion to construct locks and dams in Vermilion bayou and Mermenteau river, both in Louisiana

Bills authorizing the modification of the projects for the improvement of the harhors at Bridgeport and New Haven, Conn.; a joint resolution providing for the removal of a rock in North river. New York; a bill providing for the construction of a revenue outter of the first class for service on the coast of Maine, at a cost of \$200,000. The Senate adopted a resolution fixing January 31 for the acceptance of statues

of Charles Carroll of Carrollton and John Hanson, contributions of the state of Maryland to Statuary Hall in the national Cap-A bill authorizing the payment of judg-ments amounting to a million dollars, to be paid on account of the destruction of prop-

erty in Hawaii in connection with the fight on the bubonic plague in those islands in The resolution heretofore offered by Mr. Patterson (Col.) requiring railroad com-panies to supply to the interstate commerce

data as to brakes also was Mr. Morgan on the Canal.

Mr. Morgan then addressed the Senate on the question of an isthmian canal. The Alleged Coal Combine.

Mr. Jones of Arkansas introduced a resolution in relation to the coal combination, for which he asked immediate consideration. Objection was made so that it will go over until Monday, January 5, when, under the rules, it will come up for consideration by the Senate.

This resolution recites that whereas October 4 a sworn statement, or petition, was terstate commerce, the tendency and pur- have been temporarily lost sight of within pose of which was the establishment of a the last few months. monopoly in the business of transporting and selling anthracite coal, and whereas in connection with the petition a request was made for permission to present evidence establishing such combination; and whereas the petition was referred to the United States district attorney for the southern district of New York, with instructions to receive evidence so offered and report to the Department of Justice; and whereas a protracted interval has elapsed, it was re-solved that the Attorney General be, and he is hereby, directed to transmit to the Senate the evidence presented by said petitioner, together with the report thereon by said United States district attorney."

It was Senator Jones' intention to speak on this resolution and to secure its passage It is understood that his remarks would have referred to conditions existing in the District of Columbia in reference to the receipt of coal and to the embarrassment, not only of private citizens, but of the departments of the government in securing enough fuel to keep public buildings open. The Capitol itself today had but fifty tons of coal on hand and the present arrangement is such that it will receive from day to day only enough coal to tide over the present emergency.

While senators generally are anxious for a proper solution of the coal question, objection was made to the immediate consideration of this resolution by Senators Allison, Lodge, McComas and Cullom. Under the rules the resolution will come up January 5 and will then be acted upon.

At 2:40 p.m. the Senate adjourned until January 5, 1993.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

There were not over seventy-five members of the House of Representatives present today at the last session before the holiday recess. Immediately after convening Mr. Cannon explained that it was important that the coal strike commission bill and the urgent deficiency bills be finally disposed of before the holiday recess. The conference report upon the former, he said, was in the Senate, and he asked that a recess be taken until it was returned from that body. A recess was accordingly taken for twenty minutes.

When the House reconvened Mr. Cannon presented the conference report on the coal strike commission bill, and the report was without discussion. The House remained in session until the bill was enrolled and signed by the Speaker, and then, at 12:35, adjourned until January

ATTEMPTED BRIBERY.

Pittsburg Resident Indicted by Grand Jury of District Court.

James Kifer of Pittsburg, Pa., has been indicted by the federal grand jury of the District of Columbia for violation of section 3451, Revised Statutes, in attempting to bribe an employe of the office of the controller of the currency to procure for him a copy of certain records relating to a Pittsburg National Bank after he had been refused the information by the controller of the currency on the ground that under the rules of the department such records were not made public.

Kifer was arrested on the 18th instant at Pittsburg, and appeared before the United States commissioner and gave bail for his appearance for trial before the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia when the case is called.

Dead Body on Doorstep.

The dead body of an infant was found this morning about 6 o'clock on the doorstep in front of 746 3d street northwest. The body was in a basket and had been left there during the night. Coroner Nevitt made an investigation and found the only law that had been violated was the section which imposes a penalty for carrying a dead body through the streets without a permit. The necessary death certificate was issued and the body was sent to potter's

Certificate Filed.

A certificate of incorporation of "Edwards & Reeves, Incorporated," the object of the company being to engage in the real estate business, was placed on record today. The incorporators are John L. Edwards, Fred-states against William A. Baliard has been noile prossed.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

New Inspector of Gas for the District Among the Selections. The President today sent the following

nominations to the Senate: Treasury-Collectors of customs, Daniel W. Patrick, district of Pamilco, N. C.; George L. Smith, district of Newark, N. J. Inspector gas and meters in the District of Columbia-Elmer G. Runyan, Michigan. Navy-G. Livingston Bayard, Pennsylva-

nia, to be a chaplain. Postmasters-Massachusetts-John Huxtable, Wareham; Charles D. Brown, Gloucester. New York-John O. Thibault, Clayton; Judson Field, Canastota; William T. Bailey, Judson Field, Canastota; William T. Bailey, Pieasantville Station; John Raines, jr., Canandaigua; Lucius A. Waldo, Canistoe; George Anderson, Castleton; Andrew S. Brown, Cortland; Henry P. Mitchell, De-Ruyter; Sidney B. Cloyes, Earlville; Arthur H. Goldsmith, Floral Park; Cyrus Durey, Johnstown; E. W. Cushman, Hamilton; George B. Helme, Nyack; Hiram W. Vedder, Waterford. Pennsylvania—William E. Root, Cambridge Springs. Maryland—Joseph H. White, Easton; Ulysses Hanna, Frost-H. White, Easton; Ulysses Hanna, Frostburg; John McFarland, Lonaconing. Connecticut—Harvey S. Abel, Stafford Springs. Maine—Jarvis C. Billings, Bethel; Charles H. Hooper, Castine; Frank B. Purinton, Fairfield Fairfield.

Arizona-Julia Mahoney, Winslow Iowa-William R. Orchard, Glidden; J. W. Fester, Humbolt; Wm. R. Boyd, Cedar Rapids; Alfred C. Harris, Eldora; Henry D. Overholt, Iowa City; Wm. H. Needham,

Sigourney. Indiana—Amanda Sullivan, Garrett; Elvet B. Rnodes, West Baden.
Minnesota—Charles R. Frazee, Pelican
Rapids; A. J. Gebhard, Lamberton; Harry
C. Sargent, Osakis; John Chermak, Chatfield; Ernest P. Le Masurier, Hallock;
Ben. J. Shaver, Kasson; William Peterson,
Atwater B. Rhodes, West Baden.

North Carolina-Walter B. Steele, Highpoint; Columbus F. Blalock, Hickory. California—Wilson Hays, Colton; Crispin

California—Wilson Hays, Colton; Crispin C. Ortega, Sonora. Illinois—James P. Jack, Newton. Mississippi—John F. Williams, Biloxi. Missouri—James Taylor, Fayette. Nebraska—Henry H. Campbell, Osceola; James C. Elliott, West Point. North Dakota—Chas. L. Mitchell, James-

South Carolina-John R. Cochran, fr., Anlerson; John W. Dunovant, Chester. South Dakota-James A. Stewart, Edgemont; John A. Bushfield, Miller. Texas—James M. Kindred, Amarillo; Wm. D. McCaslin, Detroit; Ella O. Vawter,

Virginia—Robert L. Page, Wytheville. Washington—Roderick R. Harding, Port Angeles. West Virginia-William F. Squires, Par-

Wisconsin-Arthur P. Cheek, Baraboo; Alfred B. Kildow, Brodhead; Wm. A. Mayhew, Clinton; Spencer G. Beers, Darlington; Egbert Marks, Menominee; Charles E. Raught, South Kaukauna.

MILITARY SERVICE MEDALS.

Joint Resolution Authorizing Presentation to the Soldiers.

A matter in which all of the army is interested, as well as a great many persons now in the National Guard, or in civil life, in fact, all persons who served in the Spanish-American war or Philippine insurrection, is Senate document No. 383, the joint resolution authorizing the President of the United States "to cause medals to be struck and presented to officers and soldiers and others who have served in the Spanish war, and for other purposes." The navy has received medals for the Santiago campaign. The joint resolution in question rewards the army, and at the same time establishes the principle of service medals for future campaigns, as well as giving one for the Philippine insurrection and one for the China relief expedition. Further, it provides a special medal for

distinguished services not in action, and which therefore cannot be rewarded with a medal of honor. flied with the Attorney General charging the existence of an illegal combination or conspiracy among railroads engaged in in-

GEN. SWAYNE'S FUNERAL.

Military Honors to Be Paid the Dead Hero.

Acting Adjutant General Hall has Issued orders that full military honors be paid on the occasion of the obsequies of General Wager Swayne, one of the heroes of the civil war, who died in New York Thursday, and whose remains are to be interred in the National cemetery at Arlington. The arrangements for the funeral ceremonies in this city have been placed in the hands of Lieutenant Colonel William Ennis of the adjutant general's department. The religlous services will be held over the remains at St. John's P. E. Church Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. At their conclusion the funeral party will be escorted from the church to the cemetery by a large detachment of troops, including a squadron of cavairy and a battery of artillery from Fort Myer and the battalion of engineers from Washington barracks. The escort will will be commanded by Col. E. L. Huggins,

The honorary pallbearers will be Mr. Justice Harlan, Judge William Maury of the Spanish claims commission, Senator Thurston of Nebraska, General Gillespie, chief of engineers; General Davis, judge advo-cate general, and General Breckinridge, inspector general.

Marine Corps Orders. Lieut. Col. E. R. Russell has been detached from command of the marine battalion on the Panther and ordered to resume command of the marine barracks. Washington, D. C.

Major George Barnett has been ordered to temporary duty at marine headquarters, and then to duty in the Philippines. First Lieut. A. E. Harding, from the

marine barracks, League Island, to recruiting duty at Chicago, relieving Capt. H. I. Bearss, who is granted fifteen days leave. Col. H. C. Cochrane, to Washington for duty as president of a retiring board.

First Lieut. J. H. Mather, from the marine barracks, New York, to recruiting duty in New York city. Capt. P. M. Bannon, to Washington to take charge of itinerant in Maryland, Virginia. West Virginia and North Carolina

Capt. W. B. Lemly, granted thirty days Major H. C. Hains, from duty with regi-ment of marines to duty on the staff of Admiral Dewey. Capt. B. H. Fuller, from the marine bar-

racks, New York, to command the marine guard on the New York.

Army Orders. Capt. Stephen N. Foote, Artillery Corps, has been ordered to report to the depot quartermaster in this city to assist in the inspection of artillery horses to be purchased under contract for the army at

Leesburg and elsewhere. Capt. C. S. Lincoln, 2d Infantry, has been ordered to temporary duty at Fort Wayne, Mich., until the arrival of his regiment, when he will join his company.

First Lieut. C. P. Faulkner, 8th Infantry, has been ordered to duty with his company at Skagway, Alaska. Capt. L. S. McCormick, commissary, has been relieved from duty at Chicago and or-dered to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to re-lieve Capt. F. H. Pomroy, commissary, who

Naval Orders.

is transferred to Chicago.

effect at once.

Boatswaln John McGrath has been ordered to the Boston navy yard for duty as assistant to the captain of the yard. Warrant Machinist William R. Scofield; from the New York navy yard to the Culgoa.

West Point Cadets Resign. The Secretary of War has accepted the resignation of Cadets Raymond A. Lanigan and John N. Merrill, jr., fourth class, United States Military Academy, to take

Charge Nolle Prossed.

P. H. McLAUGHLIN, PROMINENT

CONTRACTOR, DROPS DEAD. Was Master Mechanic on the Wash-

ington Monument at Time Shaft Was Completed.

Mr. P. H. McLaughlin dropped dead this morning near 11th street and Massachusetts avenue northeast. His body was removed to the morgue and the coroner notifled. That official made an investigation and decided that death was due to natural causes, and a certificate was given accordingly. The deceased was about sixty years old and was well known in this city, where he was a contractor for many years. He was the master mechanic on the Washington monument at the time the shaft was completed, and he also did work on some of the public buildings. He was appointed inspector of material for the Chicago post office, and as such he had made a number of trips to the vicinity of Bangor, Me. where stone is taken from the quarries for the Chicago structure.

Since his arrival here a few days ago Mr. McLaughlin has stayed at the home of his brother-in-law, Dr. John C. Haley, the druggist, at 11th and East Capitol streets. He started this morning to call on Dr. Custis, after his wife had left the house to do some Christmas shopping, and had gone but a short distance when he dropped dead. The deceased was prominent in Masonic circles and was a member of the Union Veteran Legion. Arrangements for his funeral have not yet been made

BATTLE WITH THE SEUM.

Address by Jacob A. Riis Regarding Tenement Conditions.

Jacob A. Riis, who has become famous from his connection with the work of re lieving the distressing conditions in the slums of New York, lectured in this city last evening to an audience which crowded Masonic Temple Hall to the doors. Mr. Riis spoke on "The Battle With the Slum," and the large audience listened with unmistakable interest and pronounced enthusiasm to his stirring story. The lecture was illustrated with stereopticon views, which clearly depicted the conditions as they once existed and as they are today.

Incidentally in the course of his talk Mr. Riis introduced several pictures of squalor in Washington, and he urged that a battle be waged against the slume because be waged against the slums here similar to that in New York. "The only difference between the insanitary and unwholesome places in Washington and in New York," he said, "is that it is much cheaper to get rid of them here than in the metropolis, and the citizens of the District and Congress ought to be ashamed to allow them to stav.

The lecture was the third number in the Star course, a series provided by the Y. M. C. A. of this city. The views used in the illustration of the lecture were made from photographs, most of which were taken by Mr. Riis himself. It is evident from his lecture that Mr. Riis is no theorist, but believes in practical and business-like meth-ods in dealing with the distressing conditions of the slums. Mr. Riis speaks with a slight accent, but in a thoroughly in-telligible manner, and he was frequently interrupted with loud applause.

Mr. Riis spoke in high praise of the Associated Charities of this city and of Mr.

Charles F. Weller, its general secretary, who he said is striving to abolish the insanitary dwellings and relieve the distress ing conditions among the poor of Washington. An interesting incident in the course of the lecture occurred when, after a glowing tribute to the work of President Roosevelt in his efforts to reclaim the slums, a picture of the President was thrown upon the screen, which was greeted with enthusiastic applause which lasted for more than a minute.

WAR CLAIM DENIED.

U. S. Court Decides Against Claim of the Eagle's Commander.

United States Judge Edward B. Thomas, in Brooklyn, handed down a decision yesterday declaring invalid a claim of \$1,000,000 against the United States, entered by Lieut. Commander William H. H. Sutherland of the navy. The amount was asked as prize money. The commander and his crew of the Eagle, a converted gunboat, destroyed the Spanish steamer Santo Domingo during the Spanish-American war. Lieut. Com-mander Sutherland demanded the value of the sunken Spanish vessel and her cargo, the contention being that Admiral Dewey and his men were granted large booty prizes in Manila bay for similar work.

The government maintained during the trial of the case that only the sum of \$1,100 could be recovered by plaintiff. The differ-ence between the sult instituted by Commander Sutherland and the case of Dewey and his men is that the Santo Domingo was grounded and burned on the sands of south-ern Cuba, while the ships sunk by Dewey were in condition to be restored to their normal shape. The government claimed that only such sum as it had received an equivalent for should be paid out.

Youngest War Veteran Dead.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., December 20 .- Wm. Taylor died at the home of his father, John W. Taylor, today. The latter claims his son was the youngest soldier on the northern side in the civil war, having enlisted at the age of twelve years, nine months and two days, as a drummer boy in the 84th Regiment formed at Huntingdon, Pa., Au-

Lieut. Col. Morrison Dead. SAN FRANCISCO, December 20 .- Lieutenant Colonel J. Morrison, judge advocate of the military department of California, is dead at the Presidio general hospital as the result of an attack of peritonitis. The deceased officer was appointed to the judge advocate's department from civil life in

BONA-FIDE CIRCULATION.

The sworn statement below shows that the circulation of The Star is what it is claimed to be. Furthermore, within the city of Washington its circulation is more than double that of any other paper, whether morning or evening, and it is regularly delivered every day, by carriers, to fifteen thousand subscribers who take no other Washington daily paper.

Circulation of The "Evening	Star."
SATURDAY, December 13, 1902	39,57
MONDAY, December 15, 1902	33,46
TUESDAY, December 16, 1902	60,20
WEDNESDAY, December 17, 1902	33.73
THURSDAY, December 18, 1902	33,17
FRIDAY, December 19, 1902	
Total	233,32
Daily average	38,88

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J. WHIT. HERRON, Business Manager, The Evening Star Newspaper Company. Subscribed and sworn to before me this twentieth day of December, A. D. 1902. E. E. RAMEY, Notary Public, D. C.

SUDDENLY EXPIRES VICTIMS OF STRIKERS CASE OF YOUNG AMES

Witnesses Tell of Boycotts and Persecutions.

COMMISSION ADJOURNS

WILL CONVENE IN PHILADEL-PHIA JANUARY 6.

Lehigh Valley Company Files Its Statement of Wages With the Commission.

SCRANTON, Pa., December 20 .- The anthracite coal strike commission held its last session of the year today and adjourned to meet in Philadelphia on Tuesday, January 6.

In order to permit the commissioners and others connected with the proceedings to catch trains today's session began at 9 o'clock. The attorneys for the non-union men continued calling witnesses from Lackawanna and Luzerne counties for the purpose of proving that violence, intimidation and boycotts were resorted to in order to prevent the non-union men from continuing

Everett Warren, counsel for the Lehigh Valley company, filed the wage statements

of the company. John H. Otto, the first witness called, said all the merchants in Archbald, Pa., were compelled to boycott him because he worked in the mines. The second witness was a boy, who was forced to leave the store where he was employed on account of his father being a non-union man, and the next witness testified that strikers tried to have him forced out of the volunteer fire company to which he belonged because he continued at work as a mine engineer during the strike neer during the strike.

Attempt to Burn Carpenter Shop. Wm. Allen, dirt superintendent of the Elk Hill Coal and Iron Company, and two other employes of the same company, testified that an attack was made upon the carpenter shop of the company's property and an attempt made to burn the carpenter

Mrs. Rhoda Snyder of Wilkesbarre, with a baby in her arms, took the stand and, with tears running down her face, told of the burning of her home by strikers. Her husband was in the mines and could not come home because he feared bodily harm. She and her children were so abused that she moved to another part of the city. Her reception in the new section was hostile and she decided to move to the home of her mother-in-law. The same night the house and all its contents were destroyed by fire. Her goods were not insured. Her father-in-law and mother-in-law corrobo-rated her testimony.

Dr. L. Sprague, president of Wyoming Seminary of Kingston, told of the difficul-ties he had in getting coal for the sem-inary. He said the union made it very difficult for the institution to get its supply of fuel.

Evidence in Rebuttal.

President P. J. Mulherin of the Father Whitty Temperance Society of Providence, near Scranton, and the treasurer of the society were called by the miners in rebuttal of testimony given yesterday by Jos. H. Dugan, who said he had been expelled from the society because he was an unfair workman. The two officers of the society testified that he was expelled because he had violated the total abstinence pledge. Four Polanders were next called, and tes-

tifled to having been badly beaten and boycotted during the strike.

James D. Lewes, a mine foreman, who testified yesterday that he had been held up by a crowd near Olyphant, was called in rebuttal by the miners, and a photograph showing him with a large crowd around him posing for a picture was placed in evi-

The last witness of the session was Jas. Dolan of Parsons, who told a story of per-secution because he worked during the strike. His children were beaten and insulted on the streets. Before adjourning for the holldays at noon Chairman Gray, on behalf of the commission, requested all parties to make every effort to hand in the wage statements

during the recess, so that members of the commission could study them. Young Vanderbilt Improving. NEW YORK, December 20.-Cornelius

Vanderbilt, who is ill with typhoid fever and peritonitis, continues to improve. Dr. Flint, upon leaving the house, said: 'The patient's condition is more favorable today. The peritonitis is very much better and his temperature has not risen furing the night, but there has been no great change in his general condition."

Coal Reciprocity With Canada.

Senator Lodge today introduced in the Senate a bill authorizing the President to remove the duty on coal coming into the United States from Canada whenever the duty on coal from the United States going into Canada shall be removed.

The Agricultural Year Book. A bill has been introduced in the House by Mr. Marshall, providing that 42,000 copies of the agricultural year book be printed in addition to the regular edition of that document for the use of the vari-ous agricultural colleges in the different

Debating Committees Selected. At the regular weekly meeting of the Debating Society of the Schools of Law and Diplomacy of Columbian University, held last night, the resignations of all members of the executive committee were accepted and the following members elected to fill the vacancies thus created: Samuel

and A. S. Baldwin, ir. A committee was also appointed by the chairman to arrange for intercollegiate debates this winter. Dirt on the Sidewalks.

Rerrick, chairman; William S. Fitzgerald

The Commissioners will forward to the North Capitol and Eckington Citizens' Association a statement as to the efforts of the police department to enforce a compliance with the law for the prevention of dirt from washing upon sidewalks in that section. W. W. Jordan, sergeant of the eighth precinct, has reported that notice was sent to the trustees of the property known as St. Patrick's graveyard, bounded by R, S, and 2d streets and Le Droit avenue, to abate the nuisance complained of. They abate the nuisance complained of. They neglected to do so, and were taken into the Police Court on a warrant charging them with failing properly to protect sidewalks abutting upon tack property. The case was nolle prossed.

Examined as to Mental Condition. Albert F. Turner, fifty-five years old, was turned over to the South Washington

police this afternoon by his brother-in-law, James Green of 427 O street southwest, who requested that an examination be made to determine his mental condition. The case was referred to Sanitary Officer Frank. who directed the police surgeons to make the examination. Mr. Green informed the police that his brother-in-law had threatened to jump overboard this morning. The sick man, he stated, has suffered from an attack of majaria and has taken so much morphine that his mind has probably become affected.

Severely Injured.

Walter Botts, colored, was thrown from his bleycle this afternoon near 12th and C streets northwest and severely injured. His wheel collided with a buggy owned by

HABEAS CORPUS PROCEEDINGS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST.

The Matter Assuming an International Aspect-The Boy Taken to Uruguay.

When hearing in connection with the Ames habeas corpus case, continued from last Saturday, was resumed today before Justice Barnard of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, it was made apparent that the issue is liable to assume an international aspect. The case was first called to the attention of the public by the announcement that Joseph Preston Ames, a ten-year-old boy, declared to be the helr to an estate of large value-his mother having been one of the richest women of South America-had disappeared and no knowledge of his whereabouts could be obtained by his

as respondents Eduardo Laroqui and Pepito Laroqui, first cousins of the boy, and Preston Adams Ames, his granduncle.

Mrs. Sparhawk Tuesday, the 9th instant, was appointed by the court guardian of her nephew, Joseph Preston Ames, the latter being the son of her deceased brother and Octavia H. Ames. Mrs. Ames died in this city Saturday, the 6th instant, leaving the boy an orphan. Mrs. Ames and the boy had been residents of Uruguay, South

Mrs. Sparhawk asserted to the court that the respondents were obstructing her in her efforts to gain possession of her nephew and ward, for the reason that they desire him returned to South America, where, as stated, he has large property interests. It was further declared that Preston Adams Ames was evading the process of the court, and that the child was last seen at his house in this city the 9th

instant Mr. Ames was the only one of the respondents who appeared at the hearing last Saturday. He denied that he had the custody of the child or was responsible for the care of the lad.

Justice Barnard continued the cause until today. In doing so he directed Mr. Ames to use his influence to secure the presence

The Hearing Today.

All the respondents were present when the hearing was resumed today. Through Attorney Walter C. Clephane, a return was filed by them in which they set forth that the day before Mrs. Sparhawk was appointed guardian the boy was placed in charge of the Uruguyan legation in this city, and that he was sent by the legation to Baltimore where he remained one day and thence pro ceeded to New York. From the latter port so the court was informed, the lad sailed last Saturday on the steamer Soldier Prince for Uruguay. It was declared in behalf of the respondents that it was impossible for them to produce the child in court, and that they had not evaded process in

A question arises as to whether Joseph Preston Ames is to be regarded as a citizen of the United States or of Uruguay. His father was a native of this country and his mother a native of Uruguay. Upon the death of the father, it is said, the mother

was appointed, in 1893, guardian of the boy by the District Supreme Court. Justice Barnard, after listening to several witnesses, postponed the hearing until a statement relating to the case can be se-

cured from the Uruguayan legation, after which the court wil hear the arguments of counsel on the law points that have arisen. ALLEGED VIOLATION.

Druggist Charged With Conducting Business Without Proper License.

today against Haywood Hooper, alleging that he had violated the law relating to the the Bethlehem Company was the lowest. manner of conducting the drug business. The defendant is in business at 5th and G streets northwest. Detective Proctor served the warrants on the druggist, and he gave bond for his appearance for trial. It is charged that he has conducted the drug business without having been registered to do so. In the other information it is alleged that he caused false representation to be

made in order to procure registration. Detective Proctor alleges that the defendant registered under the papers of Sidney Lee Hooper, his deceased brother. The latter, he alleges, died in Denver, Col., and his body was shipped to Philadelphia for interment. The detective has had the case under investigation for several days No date has yet been fixed for the hearing.

REQUEST FROM VINCENNES.

That Name Desired for One of the New Warships.

An energestic delegation from the city of Vincennes, Ind., called on Secretary Moody at the Navy Department today to obtain a promise from him to name one of the new warships after their city. The delegation was composed of T. H. Adams, post-master; Mayor Roush, Mr. Kessinger, Mr.

Charles Bierhaus, James A. Emison, J. A. Matthews and T. R. Shipp.

The delegation recalled to Secretary Moody the fact that the first warship to be launched in New York for the American navy bore the name of Vincennes, and her record was so creditable that they felt justified in asking that it be perpetuated

in the modern navy.

It so happens that there are at present no unchristened cruisers for the navy in the shipyards and the rules of the department would not permit a battle ship to bear the name of anything less than a state, so that about the only craft which Secretary Moody would have a chance to name within the class contemplated in the request of the delegation would be one of the two handsome steel training ships, plans for which have been roughly outlined, which Secretary Moody has asked Congress to authorize. The Secretary listened with interest to the delegation, and promised to do what he could to meet their wishes,

Runyan's Nomination Confirmed. During the executive session of the Senate this afternoon the nomination of Eimer G. Runyan to be inspector of gas and meters in the District of Columbia, which was sent to the Senate by the President tolay, was confirmed.

> WANT HELP TODAY

The advertisements for help published in today's Star on page 14 are as follows: : : : : :

> FEMALE. MALE Cooks

Agents General bousev Chambermaids Agents Canvassers Managers Nurses Skirt bands

This interests every one who wants a good situa-

With the Government.

The eight-hour labor bill as amended by the Senate committee on education and labor today was reported to the Senate from Sugar Was the Feature in that committee, accompanied by a written statement of the committee's reasons for its action. It is stated that the bill is substantially the same as the House bill, and that it is favored by a majority of the Senate committee. The report contains a re- HELPED WHOLE LIST view of former federal legislation in favor of the eight-hour system, and also a sum mary of state enactments on the same sub-

A large portion of the report is taken up with an amendment limiting the operations of the proposed law to contracts with the government. This is done to meet the objection that the act would apply to work other than that done for the government in cases in which the government contractor might have work in hand for other persons or for himself. They say that this amendment is merely a correct interpretation of

Speaking of the general policy of the measure, the committee says: "Your committee does not doubt the right of Conpaternal aunt, Mrs. Helen G. Sparhawk of gress to extend the eight-hour day. The gress to extend the eight-hour day. The majority approves the policy of extending the eight-hour day, believe its results will be beneficent, that the products of labor will be improved, that the happiness and homes of workingmen will be greater and brighter, the intelligence of the people increased and civilization advanced by such legislation. A majority of your committee believes that this measure, which has received from the whole committee such serious and careful consideration, is not Brookland, D. C., who claims that she is his guardian. Mrs. Sparhawk, through Attorneys Thompson and Laskey, thereupon filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus, naming rious and careful consideration, is not radical, but conservative, and therefore recommend its passage."

Vermont Association Meets.

The regular meeting of the Vermont State Association, composed of the natives of the Green Mountain state now residing in this city, was held last evening in the Scottish Rite Hall, at 910 Pennsylvania avenue. Col. E. B. Campbell presided over the business session, at the conclusion of which a literary and musical program was rendered by the members and their friends, under the direction of H. B. Moulton, chairman of the entertainment committee. The enterthe entertainment committee. The enter-tainment embraced vocal solos by Mr. J. Walter Humphrey and Mrs. H. A. Bryan, recitations by Miss Annie I. Rodgers and banjo solos by Mr. Joseph Cullen. Refresh-ments were served to all present.

Inhale Illuminating Gas.

Elizabeth Morris and Alice Boland were made sick this morning at their home, 1101 Vermont avenue northwest, by inhaling illuminating gas. They were discovered about 5 o'clock, and the police summoned the Emergency Hospital ambulance. The family physician of the sick women had been summoned in the meanwhile, and when the ambulance reached the house they refused to go to the hospital. Their room is over the business place of M. Lully. An investigation made by the police showed that the gas had escaped from a broken pipe. The police repaired the damaged

Will Be Given Up to France.

The Secretary of State has terminated a famous extradition case by issuing a warrant to the French authorities for the release of Louis Balensa, who is charged with the embezzlement of several million francs from a great French corporation in whose employ he had been. At the present mo-ment Balensa is in Sing Sing penitentiary serving sentence for forgery committed in the United States, and the extradition will not take effect until the American sentence expires at a date in the near future.

The Secretary of the Navy has contracted with the Bethlehem Steel Company for the manufacture of twelve four-inch rapid-fire Two charges were filed in the Police Court | guns and mounts, complete, at its bid of

Contract for Rapid-Fire Guns.

Engineer Department Orders. District engineer department orders were issued today by the Commissioners as fol-

That T. Lanham, jr., skilled laborer in the parking commission at \$2 per day, be hereafter rated as clerk at the same com-

derslice, bridgekeeper at the Anacostia bridge, is hereby accepted, to take effect this date, and that B. T. Stull is hereby appointed bridgekeeper at \$50 per month to fill the vacancy thus created, to take effect December 17. That the time for the completion of con-

That the resignation of William T. Van-

tract No. 3163 with G. B. Mullin for grading Kenesaw avenue is hereby extended for three months, that is, to May 16, 1903, without penalty or cost of inspection, delay not being due to fault of contractor.

That 3,620 feet of twelve-inch water main be laid north and west from the intersection of Bladensburg road and 28th street, through 28th street, across right of way on

avenue to its intersection with the Brent-wood road, and that four fire hydrants be erected thereon, at a total estimated cost of \$5,750. That sewer be constructed in upper water street between 25th and 26th streets, at an estimated cost of \$860, chargeable to the current appropriation for main and pipe

sewers.

Mrs. Sprague's Mishap. Mrs. Matilda R. Sprague of 1516 15th street northwest, past president of the Department of the Potomac and prominent in Eastern Star and club circles, had the misfortune recently to slip on the icy pavement and the result is a broken arm. The fracture is close to the shoulder, and though painful is not thought to be a dangerous one. It will confine her to her home for

President at Rapidan, Va. RAPIDAN, Va., December 20.-President Roosevelt and family arrived here at 2:25

Washington Stock Exchange.

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Sales—regular call, 12 o'clock m.—Capital Traction, 5 at 124, 20 at 124. Washington Loan and Trust, 5 at 219. Mergenthaler Linotype, 10 at 179, 10 at 178%, 10 at 179, 100 at 179, 5 at 179, 10 at 179. Greene Copper, 5 at *24%. After call—U. S. registered 3s, \$500 at 167%. Washington Gas, 10 at 76%. Capital Traction 4s, \$1,000 at 108. Washington Street Railway and Electric 4s, \$500 at 80. Railroad bonds—Capital Traction 4s, 108 bid, 108% asked. Metropolitan railroad 5s, 119½ bid, 121 asked. Metropolitan railroad cert. indebt., A, 107 bid, 109 asked. Metropolitan railroad cert. indebt., B, 105 bid, 107 asked. Columbia railroad Gas, 119 bid, 124 asked. Columbia railroad 2d mort. 5s, 105% bid. Washington Railway and Electric, 76 bid. 80 asked.

Miscellaneous bonds—Washington Gas & series A safe deposit and trust stocks—National Safe Deposit and Trust, 160 bid, 200 asked. Washington Loan and Trust, 205 bid, 210 asked. Washington Loan and Trust, 215 bid, 220 asked. Union Trust and Storage, 107 bid, 108 asked. Washington Savings Bank, 105 bid, 115 asked. Washington Savings Bank, 105 bid, 115 asked. Washington Savings Bank, 105 bid, 115 asked. Washington Railway and Electric, pref., 42 bid, 49 asked. Washington Railway and Electric, com., 10 bid, 16 asked.

National bank stocks—Bank of Washington, 875 bid, 450 asked. Metropolitan, 725 bid, 750 asked. Central, 290 bid. Farmers and Mechanics, 300 bid. Second, 170 bid. Citizens, 180 bid, 185 asked. Commbia, 197 bid, 250 asked. Capital, 150 bid. West End, 144 bid, 150 asked. Traders, 145 bid, 190 asked. Lincoln, 125 bid, 135 asked. Riggs, 725 bid, 800 asked. hid, 800 asked.

Insurance Stocks.—Firemen's, 28 bid, 30 asked.
Franklin, 50 bid, 60 asked. Metropolitan, 75 bid, 90 asked. Corcoran, 70 bid. Potomac, 63 bid. Arlington, 30 bid, 35 asked. German-American, 280 bid, 310 asked. National Union, 7½ bid, 9 asked. Columbia, 11 bid, 12 asked. Riggs, 856 bid, 9 asked. Pople's, 6½ bid, 7 asked. Commercial, 436 bid. Colonial, 90 bid.

asked. Norfolk and Weshington bid. J. Maury Bove Co., 110 bid.

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Stocks Today.

MARKET WAS STRONG, DESPITE BEAR NEWS.

Closing Figures Showed Gains Over the Last Quotations of Yesterday.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, December 20.-American shares in the London stock market were quiet, with Union Pacific, United States Steel issues, Baltimore and Ohio and Atchison fractionally higher. The disposition there was to restrict dealings until after the holidays.

In the local stock market the opening was quiet and somewhat irregular, but initial prices averaged fractionally higher than yesterday's closing figures. Louisville & Nashville was up %; Norfolk and Western, 14; St. Paul, Reading and Union Pacific, 14 to % better. Baltimore and Ohio, on the other hand, showed a three-eighths per cent decline at the start.

After the first few minutes of speculation the general list enjoyed a little rally, attributed to the strength displayed by sugar, which quickly gained over a point, and the strong rally in the Gould southwestern group, led by Texas and Pacific. The United States Steel stocks, too, displayed a firmer

There was not much animation, though, in the general list, and before the end of the first hour of trading prices generally yielded to realizing and possibly some short In this decline St. Paul acted a little

heavy. Sugar lost about % per cent from its early advance, and Texas and Pacific reacted nearly two points from its highest.

The strength in sugar was attributed to reports that an understanding had been reached between the cane and beet sugar reached between the cane and beet sugar to the content for the content to the content t interests regarding the Cuban tariff ques-tion. The movement in Texas and Pacific

was engineered by one of the Gould brokers and appeared to be purely manipulative, as

there were no rumors of any kind to ac-count for the strong advance and the sharp decline that afterward occurred.

The publication of the weekly bank statement, which was considered very fair, was the signal for another attempt to rally the market. This effort was helped by a re-newal of the strength in Sugar, which gained in price 2½ per cent above the earlier high figure, the stock touching 129 as against 125 at the close yesterday. The general list gained fractionally on some bidding up of prices by the traders.

Good judges of the situation agree that the market has gone about for expects.

tained in the past week or so. They argue that while the money situation is easier, there is as yet no basis in this respect for bull movement, and the market is likely to show less activity next week on accounof the coming holidays.

While there was nothing new in regard to the Venezuelan matter, it is still a de-

terring influence upon speculative temper.

the market has gone about far enough in

ts recovery from the lower level that ob-

and a clearing up of this affair will be a welcome piece of news to all. The market closed fair The market closed fairly active at fractionally higher figures than last evening.

New York Stock Market. Furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., bankers stock exchange, Washington stock change and Chicago board of trade.

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Delaware & Hudson. 16334
Erie. common. 3334
Erie. common. 4224
General Electric 1754
Illinois Central. 143
Louisville & Nashville. 123
Manhattan Elevated. 146
Metropolitan St. Ry

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St. Louis Southwestern...
St. Louis S. W., pfd....
Southern Pacific....
Southern Railway....
Southern Railway, pfd...
Tennessee Coal & Iron.

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BALTIMORE, December 20.—Flour steady, unchanged; receipts, 16,521 barrels; exports, 5,289 barrels. Wheat firm; spot and December, 763-76%, 3January, 776%, 477; February, 776-775; May, 808-80%; steamer No. 2 red, 76%, 471; receipts, 3,358 bushels; southern by sample, 67%, 476; do, on grade, 72%, 476. Corn firmer; spot, old, 52a5-2%; new, 51½, year, 51½, 451½; jear, 451½, 51½, 451½; jear, 451½, els; southern white and yellow corn, new, 43\%a51\%. Oats firmer; No. 2 white, 40\%; No. 2 mixed, 28\%; receipts, 1,380 bushels.

Rye firm: No. 2, 55\%a65\%; No. 2 western, 56\%a 56\%; receipts, 6,724 bushels. Hay strong, unchanged. Grain freights quiet, unchanged. Butter firm, unchanged, fancy imitation, 22a23; fancy creamer, 30ca1; fancy indic, 20a22; fancy roll, 19 a22; good roll, 17a18; store-packed, 16a18. Eggs easy, unchanged; fresh 26a27. Cheese firm, unchanged; large, 13\%a14; medium, 13\%a14; smail, 14a14\%. Sugar firm, unchanged; fine and coarse granulated, 4.91\%.

Grain, Provisions and Cotton Markets. OHICAGO, December 20.-Grain

Government Bonds.